

REMARKS:

Claims 1-58 are pending in the present Application.

The Office Action includes a requirement under 35 USC § 121 for the Applicant to elect a single species from the following Species identified in the present Office Action:

Species 1: Claims 1-4, 30-33;

Species 2: Claims 5-12, 34-40;

Species 3: Claims 12-15, 41-44;

Species 4: Claims 16-22, 45-51; and

Species 5: Claims 23-29, 52-58.

Applicant hereby elects Species 1 (Claims 1-4, 30-33).

The Office Action also indicates that, if the Applicant elects Species 1, then the Applicant is required under 35 USC § 121 to elect a single sub-species from the following Species identified in the present Office Action:

Species A: Embodiment 2 disclosed in paragraph 0024 of the specification; and

Species B: Embodiment 3 disclosed in paragraph 0025 of the specification.

Applicant hereby elects Species A, (embodiment 2 disclosed in paragraph 0024 of the specification) which corresponds to claims 2 and 31.

Thus, claims 1, 2, 4, 30, 31, and 33 will remain pending upon entry of the above elections.

CONCLUSION:

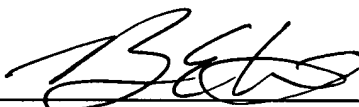
In view of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Enclosed is a completed Credit Card Payment Form, Form PTO-2038, authorizing the Commissioner to charge \$120.00 to cover the fee for the one-month extension of time. If the extension of time is missing or is insufficient for allowing the Amendment to be timely filed, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the extent necessary. If the Credit Card Payment Form is missing or inadequate, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to **Deposit Account No. 502806.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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